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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

| Application Type | FILING FEES | | SEARCH FEES | | EXAMINATION FEES | | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

| Fee Description | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
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| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) | 50 | 25 |
| Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) | 200 | 100 |
| Multiple dependent claims | 360 | 180 |

Multiple Dependent Claims

| Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

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| Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount) | |
| Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1801 Request for continued examination (RCE) (see 37 ... | 790.00 |
| 1808 Processing fee, except in provisional applications | 130.00 |
| 1251 Extension for response within first month | 120.00 |

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Art Unit: 1772

For: BULKY SHEET MATERIAL HAVING
THREE-DIMENSIONAL PROTRUSIONS

Examiner: W. P. Watkins

LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

| <u>Appl. No.</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> | <u>Group</u> |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 10/214,719 | August 9, 2002 | 3761 |
| 10/327,983 | December 26, 2002 | 1771 |

The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

☐ Copies of cited U.S. patent application(s) (specification, claims, and the drawings) or copies of the portion(s) of the application(s) which caused it(them) to be cited, including any claims directed to such portion(s) are attached hereto.

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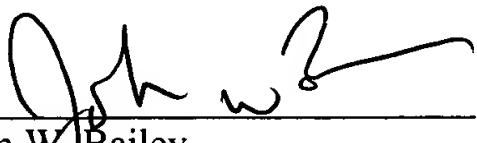
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